

**Minutes**  
**M-003-2024-IUGS-COGE**  
**COGE 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting 2024**

<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Time:</b>	20.00 hours (Perth, Australia)
<b>Place/Type (chair):</b>	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting), hosted by EJ
<b>Attendees:</b>	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Ian Clark (IC), Ashvin Wickramasooriya (AW), Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Abraham Agogo (AA), Enas Abdel-Hadi Ahmed (EA), Sharon Locke (SL), Miguel Cano (MC), Roberto Greco (RG), Scott Miller (SM), Liliana Corona (LC), Marian Sepah (MS)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Geraldo Soto (GS), Susana Alaniz (SA), Elvaene James (EJ), Clara Vasconcelos (CV)

Item	Description		
1	<b>Quorum:</b> A quorum was established with eleven (11) committee members in attendance, allowing the meeting to proceed.		
2	<b>Business arising from previous meetings/communications</b>		
	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
	To program a webinar on geoscience education to feature the Chris King medal winner	IC	Ongoing
	To volunteer to promote COGE in different languages	All	Ongoing
	To submit national reports of involvement or representation of COGE locally	All	Ongoing
	To follow up with membership activity and request info to those inactive members	EJ	Ongoing
	Conducting surveys and data collection for the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion subcommission.	LC	Ongoing
	Inform on the progress of new MoUs	MC	Ongoing
	Considering submitting a short video on their experience as COGE member	All	Pending
	Preparing a future survey strategy to start working on advocating for geoscience education policies	COGE Board	Pending
	Implementing the outreach strategy to raise awareness of geoscience education worldwide and collaborating with the COGE Board to internationalise efforts.	AA	Pending
	To send Chris King Medal to Hector Lacreu in Argentina	IC	Pending
	Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms	All	Pending
	To conduct the first meeting of the EDI Subcommission	LC	Complete
	Organising the next meeting scheduled for September 2024	EJ	Complete
	To complete financial report for the 4 years plan	IC	Complete
	To submit COGE Summary Report 2020-2024 to IUGS	SV	Complete

	To send an update on the state of the MoU between COGE and IGEO	MC	Complete
	Introducing the Social Media team through COGE social media channels	SM	Complete
	Report on the meeting of GEFO held in April	SO	Complete
3	<b>Review of agenda subjects</b>		
	<b>Agenda subject</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
	<p><b>COGE General updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SV warmly welcomed all attendees at the meeting, especially Marian Sepah (MS), the new regular member.</li> <li>Marian Sepah (MS) expressed her gratitude to COGE and her eagerness to collaborate and work with the commission to promote geoscience education in Ghana and worldwide.</li> <li>SV highlighted the successful participation of COGE at the 37th IGC2024, noting the positive feedback from various participants regarding collaboration with COGE, particularly concerning the GEFO program. The IUGS President is also keen to contribute more to COGE to benefit the younger generation.</li> <li>SV commented on the Four-Year Report of IUGS-COGE, which she presented during the IGC2024 IUGS Meeting; the IUGS approved the report. SV also mentioned the positive collaboration with other IUGS Commissions and COGE's Social Media Team for better information transfer.</li> <li>SO informed on the election of Hassina Mouri as the new IUGS President and added that SO will be representing COGE in the next Executive Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>To prepare minutes of this meeting</p> <p>Organizing the next meeting scheduled for December 2024.</p>	<p>EJ [done]</p> <p>EJ</p>
	<p><b>Sub-commissions' Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</i></li> </ul> <p>LC informed us about the survey that will be conducted in preparation by the EDI Subcommittee to understand the diversity of geoscientists and educators worldwide. She communicated about the first meeting of the sub commission, which contributed significantly to defining the sub-commission's working plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Publicity, Outreach and Communication (POC)</i></li> </ul> <p>AA mentioned that the sub-commission has conducted two meetings within the team and plans to hold a webinar series from September to November 2024. AA elaborated on the successful 1st webinar conducted in collaboration with the Social Media Committee and stated that they will host two more webinars featuring guests from Europe related to geohazards, disaster resilience, and management. SV advised that the POC team need to follow normal procedures and inform the COGE board appropriately so that their efforts can be supported adequately.</p>	<p>To conduct a series of webinars</p> <p>Inform COGE Board on the pending task of the POC subcommission</p> <p>Implementing the POC strategy to raise awareness of geoscience education worldwide</p> <p>Delegate actions on the International relations subcommission</p> <p>Conducting surveys and data collection for the Equality, Diversity, and</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>MC</p> <p>LC</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>International relations</i> MC reported on a meeting with SV during IGC2024, where several actions were discussed. He highlighted opportunities to renew collaboration with IGEO and renegotiate an MoU. MC also noted that in-person meetings at the 17th IESO (Beijing) and IGC2024 allowed him to engage with COGE members. He expressed his continued commitment as leader of this subcommission, particularly in delegating tasks to achieve IUGS-COGE goals as suggested by COGE chair.</li> <li>● <i>GEFO Programme</i> SO reported that the GEFO Program includes ten field officers: five from Asia, three from Africa, and two from South America. She informed us of planing to conduct three training sessions—two online and one in-person. The African Geological Society and the IUGS President currently support the program. It was highlighted that future field officers should ideally come from Africa and Asia. However, she outlined challenges, including diverse activities, time zone differences, and other commitments of the field officers, which are slowing down the program’s progress. She also mentioned difficulties in organizing the in-person workshop in Africa later this year. While she started coordinating the organisation of the activity with AA, as he is overwhelmed with other tasks, she will seek assistance from Marian, the new regular member from Ghana</li> </ul>	Inclusion subcommission.	
	To reach out Marian about her support to the GEFO programme	SO
<p><b>Subcommittees reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Social Media</i> SM mentioned the latest member joining the Social Media Committee, EA. He also elaborated on the memorialised COGE participation in IGC2024 through social media postings. Moreover, the team plans to update the website with new photos and other information. He also announced the opening of nominations for Geoscience Educators of the Month (GEMs) to promote geoscience educators worldwide. Additionally, SM elaborated on the online seminar “Perspective on Geoscience Education in Africa,” presented by Prof. Gbenga Okunlola, which was held on September 11, 2024, and was a success. More seminars will be conducted in the future. The Chris King Award speech will also be part of an online seminar in November 2024. The Social Media Committee plans to establish protocols for seamless webinar organisation, advertisements, and YouTube presentations.</li> <li>● <i>Finances and Award</i> IC reported that budget allocations from IUGS will cover the in-person event for the GEFO Programme. It was explained that additional funds have also been designated for the website and other resources. He noted that the Chris King Medal will be presented at the Argentina Geological Congress in November 2024, thanks to the</li> </ul>	Prepare flyer/campaign to welcome our new member from Ghana	SM
	To Launch campaign GEMs	SM
	To prepare advertising of Chris King medal presentation	SM
	To send the Chris King Medal to Hector Lacreu in Argentina	IC
	To submit info on our Special Issue once the edition is completed to create advertisement	SA
	To follow up with membership activity and request info to those inactive members	EJ

	<p>coordination efforts of COGE Board members, associate member Romina Celabe, and the collaboration of Argentinian colleagues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Publications</i> SV, on behalf of SA, reported that Episodes' Special Issue Vol. 47-4 will be published in December 2024, with six articles already approved and formatted. She also announced the upcoming release of another publication under the Journal of Geoscience Teaching (in Spanish), Vol. 3-2, set for December 2024, in collaboration with UNAM-CGEO. Additionally, SV outlined plans for a book on geoscience education terminology, compiling synonyms used across Latin-American countries.</li> <li>• <i>Membership</i> SV, on behalf of EJ, announced the addition of MS from Ghana as the latest member and noted GS's integration into the Subcommittee on International Relations. Additionally, she notified Yamina Bourgeoni's changing membership class from regular to associate member due to her personal commitments and extended membership for several years, and she is looking for another Morocco representative to apply. SV also reminded all members to engage in the sub-commissions and committees actively.</li> </ul>	<p>Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms.</p>	<p>COGE leaders</p>
4	<p><b>Closing of General Assembly</b> SV thanked everyone for their commitment, collaboration and support and wished everyone well.</p>		
5	<p><b>Next meeting:</b> to be organised by EJ</p>		
	Time	TBA	
	Date	December 2024	
	Place/Type	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)	
6	<p><b>Meeting close:</b> 21:00 hours (Perth, Australia)</p>		
Minute taker:	EJ		
Review:	10-10-24		
Date:			